Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2023

The Honorable Daniel Werfel Commissioner Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20224

Dear Commissioner Werfel,

We are respectfully requesting an extension of the postponed tax filing and payment deadlines currently set for October 16, 2023. This relief was initially provided in light of the severe winter storms, flooding, and mudslides that afflicted California from December 2022 to July 2023.

As you may recall, California endured unprecedented winter storms this past year, resulting in widespread flooding, power outages, damaging mudslides, and significant infrastructure collapse. The ramifications of this disaster have deeply affected the daily lives of many Californians, making it a challenging endeavor to meet certain obligations, including tax deadlines.

In response to the catastrophic conditions, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared a state of major disaster on January 9, 2023, and again on April 3, 2023. Throughout the subsequent months, FEMA repeatedly amended those major disaster declarations to include additional counties severely affected and expand the categories of Public and Individual Assistance available. In line with this, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provided relief by postponing tax filing and payment deadlines for counties across the state affected by the disaster.

Considering the provisions of 26 U.S.C. §7508A(a), which allows the postponement of deadlines to up to one additional year, and noting that the current relief makes deadlines between December 27, 2022, and October 16, 2023, due on October 16, 2023 – a period less than a year for all such postponements – we request that deadlines originally falling on or after December 27, 2022 be postponed to the maximum extent allowed by 26 U.S.C. §7508A(a).

Understanding the immense financial and emotional toll these individuals are already facing, this further extension would provide these individuals additional time to recover and manage their financial responsibilities.

We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter. If you have additional questions, please contact our offices.

Sincerely,

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